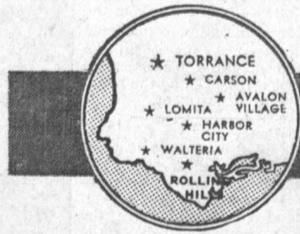


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PARADE SCENE—Float entered in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade Monday by the City of Torrance walked off with a second place award for cities of over 100,000. Float depicted a huge owl, standing on a book, with a mortarboard on its head, and carrying a diploma under its wing. Float was one of just a few animated entries in the parade. High point of this year's entry, however, was the first appearance of the Torrance All-Star High School band, which preceded the float. Made up of 93 young musicians from Torrance High, South High and North High, the appearance drew rounds of applause from spectators. In the scene above, band approaches intersection of Hill St. and Colorado, close to the end of the parade.



First Contender Enters Press '61 Baby Contest

Front runner in the Torrance Press "First Baby of 1961" competition is beautiful Dorlisa Danette Ewing, born at 5:20 a.m., January 1, at Bay Harbor Osteopathic Hospital in Harbor City.

The new arrival, if she proves to be the first for the area will receive a fabulous list of prizes, contributed by Torrance businessmen and merchants.

Parents of the baby are Kenneth and Esther Ewing of Hermosa Beach.

Mother of any baby born between 12:01 a.m. January 1 and 5:20 a.m. could step in and win the prizes for her child. Deadline for entries is 10 a.m., Saturday, at the Press office, 3238 Sepulveda.

Each year the Torrance Press, with the cooperation of downtown Torrance merchants, sponsors the "First Baby of the Year" contest. Sponsoring "godfathers" have donated prizes including, bottle warmers, diapers, savings accounts, baby shoes, surprise gifts for the infant and special gifts for the mother and father.

INVEST SCHOOL FUND
Investment of \$30,000 of funds in short-term treasury bonds was voted by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday.

The money will be invested for about 90 days to draw interest.

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FIRST ENTRY IN—First entry in the annual Torrance Press "First Baby" competition here poses for her first portrait. Dorlisa Danette Ewing, born at 5:20 a.m. Monday morning at Bay Harbor Osteopathic Hospital in Harbor City, is shown with her parents, Esther and

Kenneth Ewing of Hermosa Beach. If the new arrival is adjudged "First Baby of 1961" she will win a galaxy of prizes contributed by local merchants. Deadline for entries is 10 a.m. Saturday.

Bomb Hoax Hits California Bank

Deadline Near For Chamber Manager Post

Deadline for applications for the now vacant post of manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce has been set at 5 p.m., Monday, January 9, it was reported Tuesday by William E. Shawger, president of the Chamber.

Experience is desirable, but not absolutely necessary, Shawger commented. Salary is open.

Dick Fitzgerald, former manager of the Chamber of Commerce, who has accepted a similar position with the Redondo Beach Chamber effective January 1, has held down the post for the past four years.

Applications should be submitted at the local Chamber office, 1511 Cravens, before the deadline, and should be accompanied by a summary of past experience and a personal biography. A personal interview will be arranged.

Most Parents Attend Meetings, Board Reports

Ninety-six per cent of the parents of Torrance elementary school children showed up for parent conferences last fall, according to a report to the Board of Education Tuesday.

Of 20,905 parents who were invited to discuss their children's work, 20,084 came to the schools. In addition to written "progress reports," parents are invited to elementary schools twice a year for parent-teacher conferences.

ARMED FORCES PARADE

Participation of Torrance's three high school bands in Torrance's May 20 Armed Forces Day Parade was authorized by the Board of Education Tuesday night.

The three bands were represented in last year's parade as well.

FBI, Police, Firemen Help Search Premises

More than 75 patrons and 25 employees of the California Bank, corner of Sartori and Marcellino in downtown Torrance, fled from the premises Tuesday afternoon, following a phoned report that a bomb had been placed in the lobby.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, local police and fire department officers, called immediately, searched the bank in the company of bank officials, but found nothing. Most of the agencies involved in the search felt that the phone call was a "hoax," but on the premise

that the call might have been the prelude to a bank holdup, later called off, will continue to search for the culprit.

George Post, manager of the local banking institution, reported that the call was received by switchboard operator Shirley Frederickson, shortly after 2 p.m.

In an obviously disguised voice and a simulated Mexican accent, the caller identified himself as "Pedro" and told th operator that a bomb had been planted in the lobby and was scheduled to go off in ten minutes.

Cleared In Minutes

Within five minutes following the call the bank had been cleared and the search begun.

Post stated, "We felt from the beginning that the call was a prank, but we couldn't possibly afford to take a chance."

Normal operations at the bank had been resumed by 2:30 p.m.

Because of recent bomb scares involving aircraft and public buildings, federal legislation has been passed involving very stringent penalties for anyone found guilty of perpetrating such a hoax.

DEATH THREAT MADE ...

Torrance Restaurant Robbed, Bandits Escape With \$1500 Following Holdup

Two armed bandits, both with their faces covered, held up the International House of Pancakes, corner of Hawthorne and Carson, early Tuesday morning and escaped with more than \$1500.

Bernice Dismondi, cashier, told investigating officers, that night manager Parley Perkins and she had been sitting in a booth after closing hours, 1 a.m., counting the days' receipts, when they were confronted by a gun-waving bandit wearing a red handkerchief who told them to keep

quiet or he would "blow their heads off." He then scooped up the money and made his escape.

Another bandit, who had entered the back door with the first suspect, remained in the kitchen where he ordered employees to lie on the floor. This bandit, also wore a brown paper bag over his head.

First bandit was described as caucasian, 5'8" tall, 150 pounds, and brown hair. Second was 6'0" tall, weighed about 195 pounds

Both suspects made their escape by auto, driving east on Carson St.

No accurate count of the money was made because the manager and cashier had not finished tallying the account.

Restaurant was empty of customers at the time of the holdup.

Pavement Widened

Widening of pavement to join curbs and gutters on Moneta Ave. from 214th St. to Carson St. and on Dolores St. from 219th St. to 220th St. has been approved, announced Supervisor Burton W. Chace this week.



NO SALE—Bernice Dismondi, cashier at International House of Pancakes, corner of Hawthorne Blvd. and Carson, ruefully surveys empty sacks spread out on table. Two bandits early Tuesday morning forced her,

and night manager Parley Perkins, to turn over more than \$1500 of the days' receipts, while other employees were forced to lie on the floor. Bandits made their escape by car, driving east on Carson St.

Lomita Property Owners Ready for Annexation Fight

Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters, Inc. under the direction of their president, Dessie G. Myers, have been working to have the annexation laws changed to make it harder for cities which are adjacent to Lomita to annex territory without the consent of the people.

LPORV's have written letters to Assemblyman Vince Thomas, Senator Richard Richards, and Assemblyman Bradley, chairman of the Interim committee on Municipal and County government asking for better laws.

"We are protesting the proposals of Governor Brown's Commission on Planning and Zoning which allows cities to annex without regard to the wishes of the people," said Dessie Myers.

"We feel this is a violation of our rights and if our franchise is taken away in one instance, it will be soon taken away in another," the president continued.

"If you haven't written protesting this proposal, address a letter to Senate Committee on Municipal and County Government, State Capitol Bldg., Sacramento, California," Dessie Myers urged.

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas met with the officers of the LPORV, Inc. in discussion of the problems.

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